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[Despatch Abstract.]

WATER - SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE - Legislative Assembly question .
recommendation of the Committee - Papers recorded.

Extracts from the proceedings of the Legislative
Assembly dated 23-7-1948.

Recommendations of the Water-Supply and Drainage
Committee.

82 Question:- Begum Sultan Mir Amiruddin: Will the Hon'ble Mhe Minister for Public Health be pleased to state to what steps the Government have taken to implement the recommendations of the Water-Supply and Drainage Commiee?

The Hon'ble Sri A.B. Shetty:- "The Several recommendations made in the report of the Water-Supply and Drainage Committee are under examination by Government."

Begum Sultan Mir Amiruddin:- "Is it not a fact, Sir, that several months have elapsed since this Committee submitted its report? May I know how much longer the Government intend to take to consider this report?"

The Hon'ble Sri A.B. Shetty:- "The report was printed, Sir, in December 1947 and it was released to the Public in January and time was allowed for the receipt of criticisms and suggestions. Since then this report has been under examination in the different departments of the Government and some more time will be necessary to come to final decisions."

Sri M.G. Natesa Chettiyar:- "As an interim arrangement, may, I know from the Hon. Minister, the conditions and terms on which he Government would accept proposals for implementing some of the schemes in the rural areas?"

The Honourable Sri A.B. Shetty :-" I have not been able to understand this question of the Hon. Member, Sir."

S Sri M.G. Natesa Chettiyar:-" May I know, Sir, whether the Government would be prepared to take up the implementation of the programme if the conditions they impose are accepted by the local bodies?"

The Honourable Sri A.B. Shetty:- "Sir, during the last three years, from year to year we have been spending more money both on rural water-supply schemes and water-supply and drainage schemes for municipal towns. The amount spent for rural water-supply has increased from Rs. 22.74 lakhs in 1946-47 to Rs. 26.92 lakhs during last year and Rs. 30.85 lakhs in the current year. Similar there are a number of ~~23rd July 1948~~ schemes under investigation and design and execution. They have also increased in a similar manner since the last two years."

Sri N.S. Varadachari:-"Will the Government cease to express satisfaction at this snail's pace of progress and give a high priority to these schemes, since the Hon. Minister must realize that it is no use getting fairly good quality of food but cooked in sewage water?"

The Honourable Sri A.B. Shetty:--"I am not at all satisfied with the progress made. That is why, Sir, this Committee was appointed and they have made important recommendations which have to be examined from different points of view."

Sri M.G. Natesa Chettiyar:- "What I wanted to know, from the Hon. Minister was this, Sir, namely, whether he would sanction a scheme if the terms and conditions as required by the Government are accepted by the local bodies?"

The Honourable Sri A.B. Shetty:- "Yes Sir, the matter can be considered."

SRI PYDAH VENKATANARAYANA:--" May I know what is the Policy of the Government, Sir, with regard to the taking up of the water-supply scheme for Cocanada which had to be suspended on account of the conditions created by the War, subject to the programme of the municipality?

The HON. SRI A.B. SHETTY:--" I cannot give any information off-hand about the Cocanada Municipality, Sir,"

M.MUHAMMAD ISMAIL SAHIB BAHADUR:--" In view of the stupendous nature of the problem of water-supply to rural and urban areas, I want to know, whether the Government is satisfied with this increase of a few lakhs of rupees that are made from year to year."

The HON. SRI A.B. SHETTY:--"I have already stated, Sir, that I am not at all satisfied with the progress that is now being made. That is why a committee was appointed and I want that the Government should undertake a large programme in this connection, namely, water-supply and drainage to urban and municipal towns as well as rural water-supply."

MOHAMED ABDUL SALAM SAHIB BAHADUR: --" Have we to take it, Sir, from what the Hon. Minister states that not even one recommendation has been implemented from this Committee's report even though the report was published some six months ago?"

The HON. SRI A.B. SHETTY:--"I have already said, Sir, that it is under consideration."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM:--"May I know, Sir, whether the Hon. Minister for Public Health will follow the example of the Hon. Leader of the House and have a piecemeal adaptation of the recommendations?"

MR. SPEAKER: --" I wish to know if the Hon. Minister wants to answer the question."

THE HON. SRI A.B. SHETTY: --" A decision will be taken on the recommendations as soon as the examination of the report is over, Sir,"

SRI N.S. VARADACHARI:--" This Committee was appointed by the by the Legislature and since it has made its report, will the Government come out with a resolution on the subject indicating their programme so as to make it a subject of sanction by this House?"

The HON. SRI A.B. SHETTY:--"The Committee was appointed by the Government Sir, and not by the Legislature. And I have no objection to inform the House what action we propose to take in this matter."

MR. LCC. PAIS: --" May I know, Sir, whether in the interest of Public Health drainage schemes should be taken up along with the water-supply schemes?"

THE HON. SRI A.B. SHETTY:--"It is so, Sir,"

SRI K. BOKKAI GOWDER:--"In view of the fact that no water-supply scheme is possible in the Nilgiris without pressure pipes, will the Government see that pressure pipes are supplied to the Nilgiris district?"

THE HON. SRI A.B. SHETTY:--"A separate question may be put, Sir."

Begum Sultan Mir Amiruddin:--"May I know, Sir, when we may expect the Hon. Minister to inform the House as to what action would be taken on these recommendations?"

THE HON. SRI A.B. SHETTY:--"As early as possible, Sir."

M. Muhammad Anwar Sahib Bahadur:--"If half the net cost of water-supply schemes are met in certain areas by private benefactors, will the Government come forward and give the highest priority to such schemes in the matter of execution? I have in mind, Sir, the case of Pernampet."

THE HON. SRI A.B. SHETTY: --" Priority is given from the Public health point of view , Sir, and the needs of the place. But the suggestion made by the Hon. Member will be considered."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM: --" May I know, Sir, whether the Hon. Minister's attention has been drawn to the smell of the water supplied in the City of Madras now?"

THE HON. SRI A.B. SHETTY: --" A separate question may be put, Sir."

Sri V. Raghavayya:--"Are the Government aware that the Nellore Municipal Council has been collecting water tax as well as drainage tax for the past several years but are not able to supply water and drainage facilities to half the town still?"

THE HON. SRI A.B. SHETTY:--" I am not prepared to answer question relating to individual municipalities. This is a general question, Sir."

The questions on page 1 c.f. was answered in the Assembly on 23.7.48. (Vide the cutting from page 2 ante). No further action seems necessary on this file. The papers may be recorded.

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